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[11](#). (U) Classified by CDA Richard Albright for reasons 1.5  
(b) and (d).

[12](#). (C) Summary: Charge met with MFA Assistant  
Undersecretary for Political Affairs Abdullah Rashid Al-  
Nuami to urge that the UAEG donate generously at the Madrid  
donors' conference. Al-Nuami confirmed that the UAE was  
actively reviewing the Iraqi needs assessments and trying to  
determine the level of its contribution. He said that the  
final decision would be made by Abu Dhabi Crown Prince  
Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al-Nahyan. End Summary.

[13](#). (C) Charge and econchief called on MFA Assistant

Undersecretary for Political Affairs Abdullah Rashid Al-Nuami on October 14 to urge the UAEG to pledge as generously as possible at the Madrid Donors conference. (ref. a) Al-Nuami said that the UAE was in the process of evaluating the Iraqi needs assessment in order to develop a pledge that the UAE could afford, which also met Iraqi needs. He said that the UAE supported Iraqi redevelopment and understood the importance of a healthy and stable Iraq. The exact size of the UAE pledge would be decided on by Abu Dhabi Crown Prince Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al-Nahyan.

¶4. (C) According to Al-Nuami, the UAE was totaling up the size of all its current and projected future assistance to Iraq in order to provide a clear picture of the total level of its assistance. In response to a question from Charge, he noted that the UAE's practice and preference has been to work bilaterally rather than "writing a check" to the multilateral fund. He said, however, that the UAE would coordinate its assistance with Iraq's projected needs and budget plans and would not provide assistance in areas that weren't identified as needs.

¶5. (C) Al-Nuami said that the UAEG had not decided on the exact modalities of its assistance to Iraq, but that he thought it would take a "share" of agreed on reconstruction projects. The UAEG would either work with the World Bank, UNDP, or the Iraqis to identify projects. He said that he believed that the Japanese had proposed bilateral "windows" to fund projects identified by the reconstruction plan and said that was an approach that appealed to the UAE.

¶6. (C) Al-Nuami told Charge that he believed the GCC would play an active roll at the donors' conference. He added that UAE Minister of State for Finance and Industry Khirbash was coordinating with his GCC counterparts on Iraq reconstruction. According to Al-Nuami, GCC members understand the need to support Iraq politically, economically, and with regard to its security.

¶7. (C) The UAE delegation will be lead by Minister of State for Finance and Industry Dr. Mohammed Khalfan bin Khirbash. It will include MFA Assistant Undersecretary for Political Affairs Abdullah Rashid Al-Nuami, a senior person from the Ministry of Economy and Commerce. Representatives from the Abu Dhabi Fund for Development and the UAE Red Crescent will also attend the meetings as the UAE executive agents for development projects and humanitarian assistance respectively.

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